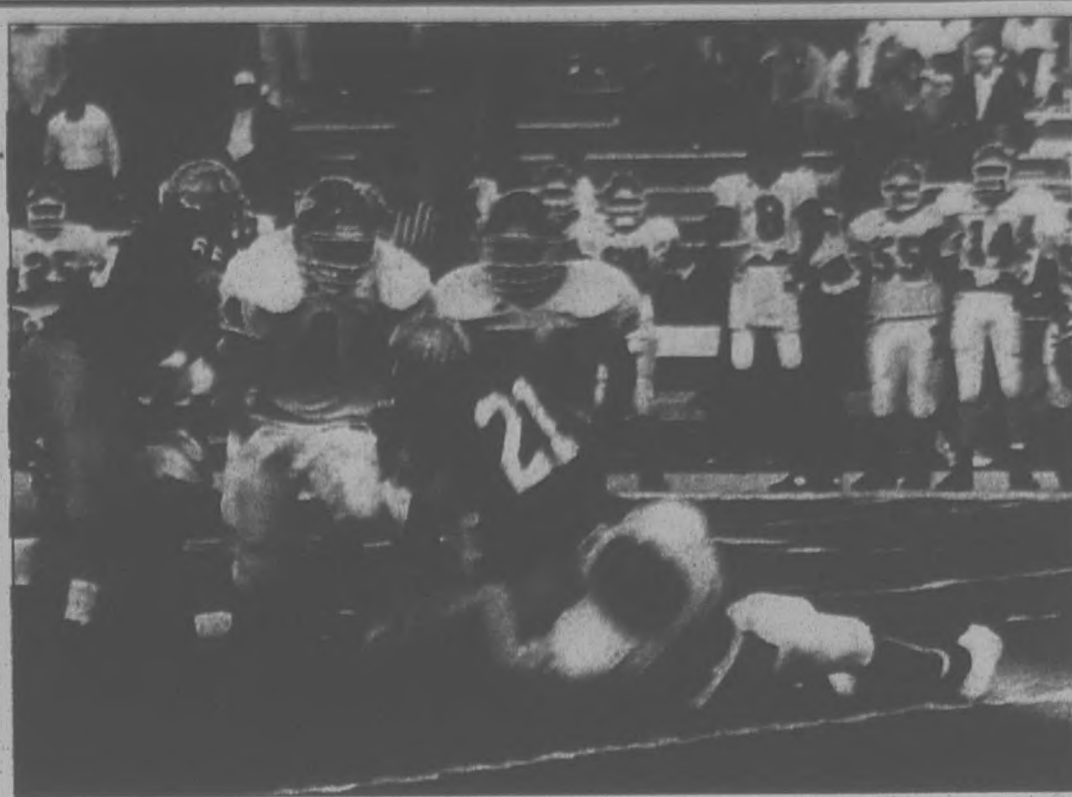


## SPORTS



Brantley Bulldog wide-receiver Shane Corley (18) heads for the endzone after pulling in a pass from Edgar Walker in the second quarter. The scoring pass covered 24 yards and gave the Bulldogs a 12-0 first half lead in the Class 1A state championship game.

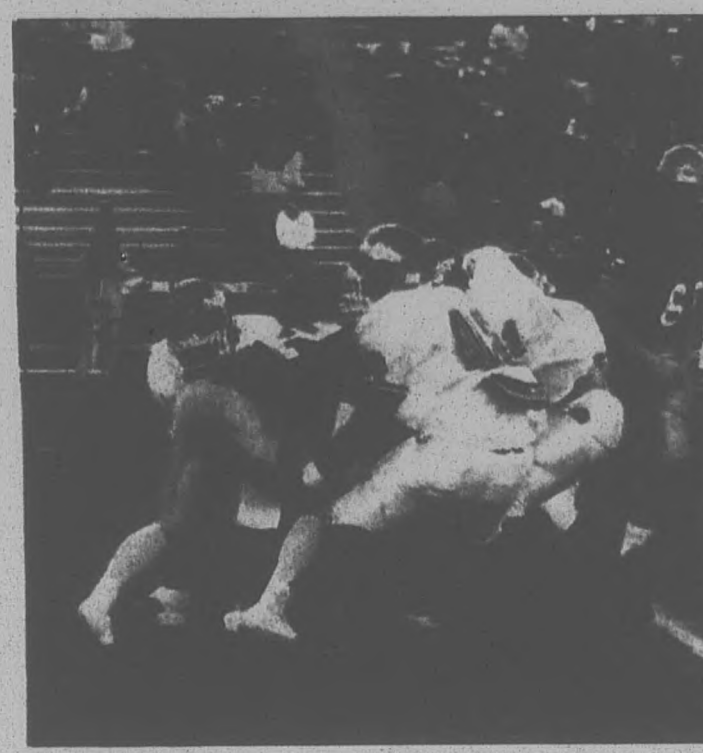


Brantley Bulldog linebacker Jeffery Daniels (10) drags down an Addison running back for a big loss as teammates Corey Latham (44) and Tyler Weaver (54) close in. The Bulldogs closed the season with a 13-2 record with the loss in the state finals.

## In 1A state title game

## Brantley Bulldogs fall to Addison 21-12

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and  
Ricky Mulatz



Brantley defenders stop an Addison runner for no gain in action last week in the Class 1A state championship. The Bulldogs fell to Addison 21-12 in the state finals to end the season with a 13-2 record.

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Birmingham Friday afternoon to battle the Addison Bulldogs for the state 1A football championship and saw an early 12-0 lead evaporate in the second half as Addison used its powerful running attack and two fourth down touchdown passes to rally past Brantley 21-12.

The Addison offense proved to be its best defense as its ground game ate up chunks of yardage and minutes off the clock, as in the game's final 28 minutes and 16 seconds it kept the ball for over 22 minutes and kept the Brantley offense off the field.

The lone turnover of the afternoon came on the fourth play of

the game when Addison's Kyle Carden intercepted a Brantley pass to stop a Bulldog drive at the Addison 37-yardline.

The two defenses dominated the next five possessions of the game as all five ended in punts. Brantley put the ball in play at its own 25-yardline after the final punt of the series and put an end to the defensive struggle when on first down James Pittman took a handoff on a quick opener and sailed down the field 75 yards for the game's first score. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 9:54 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was on top 6-0.

The Brantley defense held Addison without a first down for the fourth straight possession on the game's next offensive series, while the Bulldog offense was ready to add to its lead, and did just that to up its advantage to 12-0.

Brantley drove to the Addison 24-yardline behind the hard running of Chris Booker, and then went to the air and hit paydirt when on the seventh play of the drive Edgar Walker connected with Shane Corley on a corner route. Corley pulled in the pass near the 10-yardline and raced into the endzone for the Bulldogs' second touchdown of the quarter. A two-point pass fell incomplete. However, with 4:16 remaining in the half the Bulldogs had 12 points on the scoreboard and Addison had yet to chalk up a first down.

Addison put an end to the Bulldogs' dominance on its ensuing possession as it

marched 68 yards in 14 plays to cut into the Brantley lead. The touchdown came on a four-yard pass on fourth down and goal from Jake Gilliland to Caleb Parker with only 11 remaining in the half, and Mark Fisher kicked the extra-point as Addison cut the Brantley lead to 12-7.

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63	Passing Yds.	124
230	Total Offense	267
6-13-1	Passes	7-14-0
48	Return Yds.	78
6-40	Penalties-Yds.	7-50
3-32	Punts-Ave.	4-37



Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery talks with the members of the Bulldog defense last week in the state finals at Legion Field. The Bulldogs were defeated by Addison 21-12 in the state championship game. Also pictured are Dexter Daniels (24), Terry McClala (7), Marcus Owens (48) and Scotty Abadilla (69).

## SUPER SIX RESULTS

<b>CLASS 1A</b>	Addison 21 Brantley 12
<b>CLASS 2A</b>	Clay County 31 Southern Choctaw 0
<b>CLASS 3A</b>	Pike County 10 Cherokee County 6
<b>CLASS 4A</b>	UMS-Wright 42 Deshler 16
<b>CLASS 5A</b>	Homewood 45 Buckhorn 13
<b>CLASS 6A</b>	Hoover 56 Daphne 14

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## Elba council approves two requests for on premises liquor licenses

by Farrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held two meetings Monday evening, clearing the calendar for the Christmas holidays.

During these meetings the council also approved separate two Alcohol Licenses.

Peppers Yellow Rose Saloon, 853 Troy Highway, had only one person speak in opposition. Joel Martin, who now lives next to this facility in the home of his late parents, was concerned about the noise, parking and trash. The application indicated that the closest church was 1488 feet away and the closest child daycare center was 855 feet away.

The council approved the application for this Lounge Retail Liquor license, which already had state approval.

Monterey's Mexican Grill, 522 N. Clanton Avenue, was also approved by the council. The application indicated that the closest church was 693.20 feet away. There was no opposition to this application for a Restaurant Retail Liquor license.

Mayor James Grimes estimated each will be legally operational as soon as bonds are posted, licenses issued, etc.

Monthly bills totaling \$87,255.23 were also approved for payment.

Grimes presented the financial for the first month of the fiscal year and asked council members to call if they had any questions after reviewing the statement.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported that speeding on Old Samson Road is not as bad as it was. Do Not Pass signs and added routine patrolling by police officers has helped control that situation a lot. This action should reduce the automobile accidents in that area said Council Member Mike McKee who had expressed concern over the growing problem at a previous meeting.

Hanchey also responded to questions on several recent fires in town. He acknowledged they appeared suspicious and were under investigation by the police department and state fire marshal. He added that they do have some positive leads in the investigations.

Montgomery and found this tractor with boom cutter on the lot. He said it is in good condition.

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C.C. Commission approves requests of county engineer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a brief yet productive meeting Monday morning, Dec. 12, from the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

The only old business on the meeting's agenda was to open bids received for roll off containers. Two companies responded to this bid request, but only one actually submitted a bid.

Ingram Vaul Company offered a no bid while Rudo South submitted a bid for 22 yards and 30 yard containers.

The bid reflected a cost of \$3,075 for 22 yard containers and \$3,275 for 30 yard containers. Also, the bid reflected a cost shipping per yard at \$270 each.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

DirectTV, the folks who furnish most of those little TV receiver dishes on houses or in yards, paid a multimillion dollar fine this week for violation of the federal "Do Not Call" law. Actually the charges were against them and several telemarketing firms working for them. It is not unusual to hear citizens expressing disbelief that this relatively new "Do Not Call" thing will work. It does. While not perfect, and there are exemptions to the law, those who sign up can usually get through lunch and/or the evening meal without someone wanting to sell them a credit card, change their telephone service, etc.

Former Governor Don Siegelman is facing more indictments relating to activities from his time as governor of Alabama. The additional federal grand jury indictments were announced on Monday of this week. He called Tuesday morning but wasn't really expecting an answer to his opening question of "How many more wild claims are these desperate people going to make against me?" Siegelman had already responded to these latest charges last night on the evening news, so our interest (seasonally intensified with Santa just around the corner) quickly turned to asking about his family. The report was that wife Lorie and their children, Joseph and Dana, were doing fine, but would rather be thinking more about Christmas gifts than these latest indictments. That makes sense, even to our limited brainpower.

Two news releases this week, one out of California and the other from Illinois, report on cutting edge experiments in Parkinson's disease research. One is mixing human brain genes in mice to be used for extreme experiments. The other one is actually injecting gene repairing viruses into the brains of patients with Parkinson's. They kinda down played this last test saying the best they hoped for was to not make the patient worse. However if this works we imagine a whole world of new possibilities. Alzheimer's patients could be the next group to win from this type treatment. We pray it is successful for those with Parkinson's and actually will in time help others such as the Alzheimer's victims.

2005 is fast drawing to a close. While the calendar documents this as a reality, it is hard to accept. It seems only a few weeks ago that we were facing this issue for 2004. As you go about preparing for the Happy Holidays we hope one of them is a Very Merry Christmas! Of course our respect for individual rights leads us to hope you enjoy whatever holiday you have chosen and respect our right to do the same. . . . for us it is unquivering joy over the Birth of Christ, some 2005 years ago. Was it December, March, October or May? Any debate on the issue by experts and/or distractors matters not to us and we will continue celebrating the birth on December 25th.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 5, 2005, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, one disorderly conduct, one reckless endangerment, one resisting arrest, one assault, three for theft of property, one criminal littering and one fire.

The following arrests were made: two for theft of property and one for resisting arrest. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for a switched tag, three for no insurance, one for a revoked driver's license, one for attempting to elude, one for reckless endangerment and five for speeding.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, DEC. 5** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck in the area of 4070 Hwy. 134 (1:04 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 321 (7:08 a.m.); River stage - 7:78 feet (7:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1578 Powell Circle (10:57 a.m.).

**TUESDAY, DEC. 6** - River stage - 8.77 feet (7:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 24063 Hwy. 189 N. (9:38 a.m.); Attempted burglary reported at 2420 Taylor Mill Road (11:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1115 Deal St. (12:26 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1404 Martin Luther King Dr. (8:22 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7** - River stage - 9.56 feet (7:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Christmas is the time of giving gifts, sharing love with friends and family and remembering the less fortunate among us. We're so used to experiencing and enjoying the amazing colors and dazzling lights that we may often forget there are some in Alabama and other places who cannot witness these wonderful things — they are blind.

The good news is, for those who are blind simply because they need a corneal transplant, there is hope. Transplanted donor tissue, about the size and shape of a contact lens, can change these people's lives, providing the miracle of sight and a new lease on life. Each year caring Alabamians say yes to eye donation, continuing this incredible story. For more than 36 years, more than 30,000 corneal transplants have taken place through the work of the Alabama Eye Bank, a non-profit agency headquartered in Birmingham, dedicated to recovering and evaluating corneal tissue and ensuring it is quickly placed into the hands of gifted surgeons for transplant.

This relatively obscure but amazing process takes place 24/7, 365 days a year with little fanfare but with a lot of dedication from Alabama's healthcare workers, coroners, hospices,

funeral homes, law enforcement and rescue personnel to ensure the Gift of Sight goes on. It all starts with a desire to give of one's self and then acknowledge that when you receive or renew your driver's license, or by signing a donor card or other recognized documents of gift. Through this effort, the people mentioned above and your family will be aware of your end-of-life decision to help those waiting in darkness. Simply signing these documents won't ensure you are a donor. It is very then

important to tell others who can make sure your wish is carried out.

Though most everyone can be a corneal (eye) donor, you can help in an additional way by giving financially to the Alabama Eye Bank. Your tax-deductible gift will advance the cause of providing sight by supporting research and special training for technicians, who have the task of recovering this precious tissue that means the difference between vision and blindness. There are two ways

you can give. You can give online at the Eye Bank website, <http://www.alabamianeyebank.org/donate.shtml>, or you can send your check or money order to: The Alabama Eye Bank • 500 Robert Jemison Rd • Birmingham, AL 35209.

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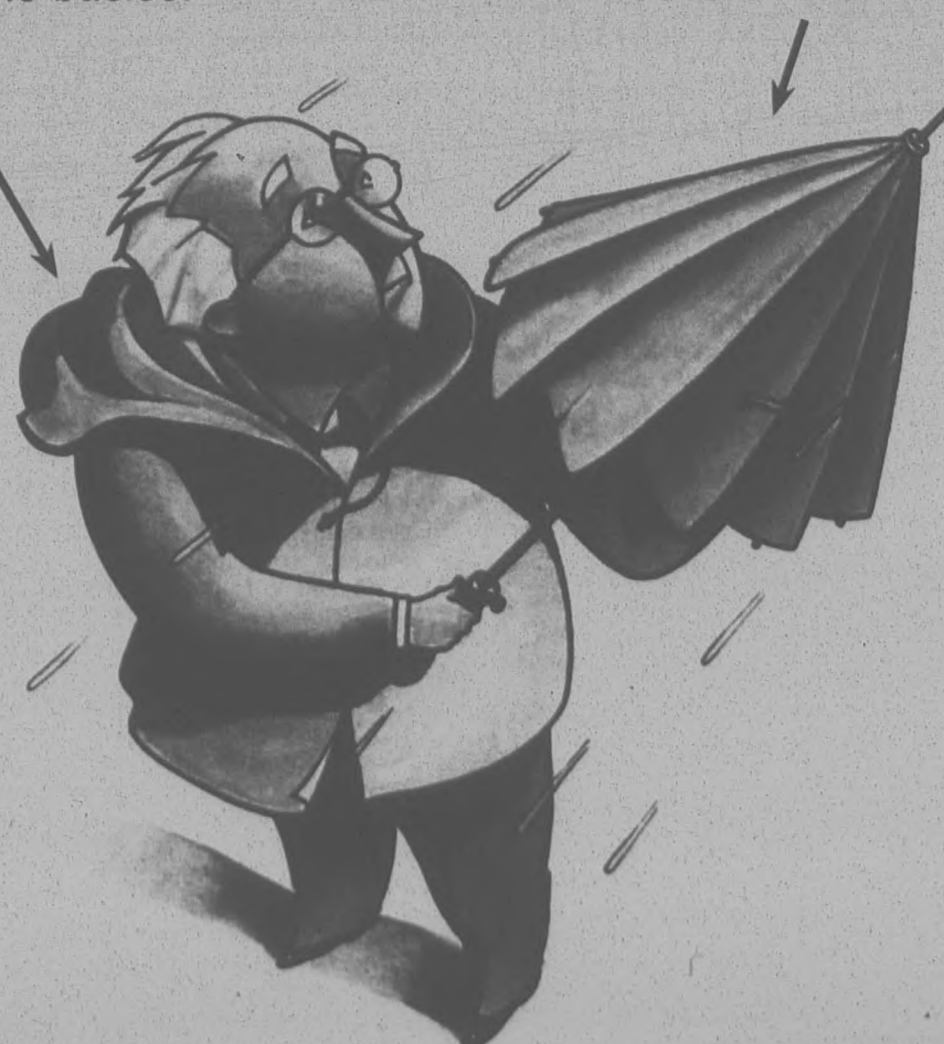
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## Obituaries

## GLORIA JEAN BRYANT

Mrs. Gloria Jean Bryant, age 60, of New Brockton, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005 at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2005 at Damascus Baptist Church with Rev. Hunter McWaters and Rev. Bill Frank officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Bryant was preceded in death by her parents, John and Willie Mae Jenkins; and her sister, Eloise Carr.

Survivors include her husband, Willard Bryant; six daughters and two sons: Gidget (Mickey) Stough, Menlo, Ga., Sharon (Dennis) Lyles, Diki (Steve) Shanks, both of Enterprise, Ala., Sherry Mack, Montgomery, Ala., Billy (Olivia) Bryant, Mike (Martha) Bryant, Shirley (Joe) Windham and Dianna (Laymon) Tindol, all of Damascus; one brother and one sister: Adrean (Glennda) Jenkins and Margaret Riggle; 14

grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## MILDRED HUGHES CARTER

Mrs. Mildred Hughes Carter, age 78, of New Hope, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 at her home.

Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 2005 at New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. Mack King and Rev. Ray Stinson officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Carter was preceded in death by her husband, Owen Vernon Carter. Survivors include three children: Franklin (Phyllis) Carter, Faye (Herman) Hall, Wayne (Jan) Carter; a sister: Earlene (Milton) Brogdon; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## EMILY JEANNETTE GARRETT

Mrs. Emily Jeannette Garrett, age 104, of Auburn, Ala., for-

merly of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 2, 2005 at the East Alabama Medical Center, Opelika, Ala.

Graveside services were held Dec. 12, 2005 from the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Emily Jeannette Garrett Scholarship Fund, Huntington College, 1500 East Fairview Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36106-2148.

Ms. Garrett was preceded in death by her parents, John Morrison Garrett and Margaret (Maggie) Flounoy Garrett; and her brother, John Morrison Garrett Jr.

Survivors include her sister: Mrs. O. W. Bynum, Auburn; and two nephews.

LEE CLARK CAIN  
Mr. Lee Clark Cain, age 80, a

native of Coffee County, Ala., died Monday, Dec. 5, 2005 at Ogeechee Area Hospice.

Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 2005 at the Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Eastside Cemetery with Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home directing.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to: The Georgia Glidons International, P.O. Box 994, Statesboro, Ga. 30459, The Mission at Statesboro UMC, P.O. Box 2048 Statesboro, Ga. 30459, The Cain Scholarship in Science Education C/o GSU Foundation, P.O. Box 8053 Statesboro, Ga. 30460, Ogeechee Area Hospice P.O. Box 531 Statesboro, Ga. 30459, or to Basin Baptist Church 3298 City Road 427 Elba, AL 36323.

Friends may sign the online register book at [www.joineranderson.com](http://www.joineranderson.com).

Mr. Cain was preceded in

death by his parents, Bertie Clark and Lee Cain; two sisters, Martha Cain and Charlotte Cain.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Toole Cain, Statesboro, Ga.; two sisters: Sibyl Cain Wise, Elba, Patsy Cain (Robert) Hatcher, Dothan, Ala.; a brother and sister-in-law: James Ralph and Peggy Cain, Elba; numerous nieces and nephews.

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• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - St. John Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE** - 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-775-1211

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. 5:30 p.m. - Super Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 3rd Ward Room @ Elba High School

• **BAND ROOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon. Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 1st Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 2nd Thursday of month - Oriskany Hangar at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Elba High School

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• **ELBA KIWANIS CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

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## The Forty Year Old Lesson

On the night of June 5, 1944 thousands of soldiers from Britain, America, Canada and other nations climbed aboard troop transport ships docked on the south coast of England. By daybreak, they had made the short trip across the English Channel and were storming onto French beaches with flames like Juno, Sword, Utah, Gold, and Omaha. This was D-Day, part of Operation Overlord, which was the Allied plan to liberate Europe and defeat Germany. Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, and Franklin Roosevelt had set it in motion when they met in Tehran between November 28 and December 1, 1943.

While the three world leaders decided the invasion's timing only six months earlier, its roots lay buried on the Gallipoli peninsula, a narrow finger of land that guards the entrance to the Dardanelles, a strait leading from the

Mediterranean to Constantinople and the Black Sea. Nearly forty years earlier, in April 1915, British, Australian, New Zealand and French troops landed on the beaches of Gallipoli. Their objective was to capture the peninsula, and allow British warships to pass through the Dardanelles and capture Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

Six months before the invasion, in October 1914, the Ottomans entered World War I as a German ally. This led the British First Lord of the Admiralty to conclude that, by capturing Constantinople, Allied soldiers could attack Germany from the south and quickly end World War I. A month before the invasion, in March 1915, British warships attempted to penetrate the straits, but shelling from Gallipoli drove them back. After that episode, Ottoman leaders realized an invasion was the next step, so they moved reinforcements to the peninsula.

While some British generals opposed invading Gallipoli, the First Lord of the Admiralty convinced his colleagues in the War Cabinet to proceed. It was a disaster. With the Ottomans ready and waiting, the attackers suffered massive casualties during the landing. The troops couldn't break through the defenses, so they were stuck on the beaches. In the end, after ten months and nearly 44,000 casualties, the Allies abandoned Gallipoli.

In the aftermath, numerous mistakes came to light. The Ottomans had been waiting for them. Planning for the invasion had been poor. There had been too few ships, too few men, and too little equipment. The First Lord of the Admiralty, who had championed the invasion, was unceremoniously sacked, and his political career lay in ruins. His name was Winston Churchill, and he vowed to learn from the mistakes.

Forty years later, the lessons Churchill learned during the Gallipoli campaign were unleashed on the German soldiers defending

Western Europe. More than four years in the planning, the Allied invasion was a tightly coordinated assault that combined air, sea, and land power to overwhelm the Germans. To conceal their true intentions, the leaders meeting at Tehran had created five other fictitious invasions to divert German attention from the real target. They succeeded.

Lessons learned at Gallipoli led to paratroopers dropping behind enemy lines the night before the invasion to capture key objectives. The Gallipoli lessons also led to the creation of specialized tanks, some equipped to clear minefields and others with flamethrowers that landed with the first soldiers. Gallipoli lessons were also behind the constant naval bombardment during the landing that occupied the Germans and minimized casualties among the soldiers storming off the landing craft.

Successfully executed, Operation Overlord led to the defeat of Germany, and ended World War II in Europe. Its genesis lay not in Tehran, but in a young politician's disgrace, and forty four thousand casualties forty years earlier. Find out more about Operation Overlord, and the careful planning that led to its success. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week: A Soldier's Christmas

## THE WEB JOURNEY

## Outline of Operation Overlord

This account was originally prepared by the U.S. Army shortly after World War II to serve as a reference guide for future historians. It examines all aspects of the Army's involvement in Operation Overlord, and their European objectives during 1944 and 1945. The original document is located at the Center for Military History.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/84tgh>

## Fortitude South: D-Day Deception

This article by Major Richard Rickles first appeared in the April-June 1996 edition of Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin, a publication of the Federation of American Scientists. The author discusses the creation by Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt of the five fictitious invasions that shielded Operation Overlord's true intentions from the Germans.

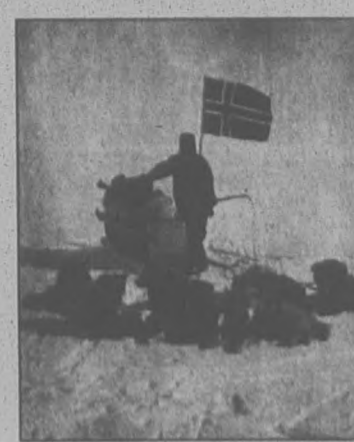
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## BBC History: From Gallipoli to D-Day

Peter Hart, an Oral Archives Historian at London's Imperial War Museum, authored this detailed account of the World War I Gallipoli experience, and its effect upon the preparations that preceded the 1944 invasion of Europe. The author also includes references to a number of Internet sources that contain detailed information about the Gallipoli campaign.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/ba0ad>

## IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK



The explorer at the South Pole, Dec. 14, 1911. Through the Norwegian National Archives.

that included Ernest Shackleton and Robin Falcon-Scott. Who was the explorer? Do you want to find the answer, or get more information about him?

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## BEYOND OUR BORDERS



King's Bay. Through the Government of Norway.

by, but welcomes visitors who can find today and meals at a hotel less than 750 miles from the North Pole. A self-guided walking tour during the summer months allows visitors to see one of the world's last areas of pristine Arctic wilderness. Pay a virtual visit to King's Bay at <http://tinyurl.com/qmwa>

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**LOCAL GIRL ATTENDS BOOK SIGNING EVENT**—Cheyenne Nelson (left) attended a book signing held last Saturday, Dec. 10, at Mama and Papa's Place in Luverne, Ala., honoring Gene Odom (right). Odom was the best friend and personal body guard for *Remember the Titans* founder and lead singer of Lynard Skynyrd. He spent the day not only signing books but also telling stories from his and Van Zant's childhood days up until the fatal plane crash October 20, 1977 that claimed Van Zant's life. Many "Skynyrd" fans attended this event and thanked Chris Fowler, Mama and Papa for making it possible.

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## Bradshaws to celebrate 64th Wedding Anniversary

Earnest and Margaret Bradshaw will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary December 26, 2005. They are the parents of Eric Bradshaw and the grandparents of one grandchild. Earnest is a WW II Veteran and landed and Normandy, France, D plus 2.

## Miss Sanders and Mr. Bowman to wed Saturday, December 17

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sanders request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Melissa Lynn to Mr. Clayton Daniel Bowman, on Saturday, the seventeenth of December, 2005, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama.

## Medical Coding class offered at LBWCC MacArthur

A Medical Coding Class will be offered on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College in Opp January 10 - April 27, 2006. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences Building, Room 103. This short-term training course is offered by LBWCC's Adult Education and Skills Training Division.

The focus of this 15-week (60 hrs.) study course is learning the coding rules for the CPT, ICD-9-CM, and Level II (HCPCS) coding systems and then applying the rules to code DRG, APC, RUGSIII. Coders abstract information from the patient record and combine it with their knowledge of reimbursement and coding guidelines to optimize physician payment within compliance. This course requires 10 hours per week study time outside of class.

Previous medical training or coding experience is not required to enroll in the Medical Coding Class. Upon completion, students will be eligible to sit for certification exam.

This is a great opportunity to receive medical coding training locally in Covington County. Registration Deadline is Friday, January 6th. For more information regarding books and fees or to register, please contact the Admissions Office on the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-3573, ext. 5360 or 5344.



**2 FIVE GENERATIONS IN ONE PICTURE** Left to Right: Kristie Patterson holding Annley, Shelia Thrower, Joann Driggers, Verbie Holley, and Carman Estes holding Blakeley.



**THROUGH THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT** of a recent jewelry sale, the New Seasons Study Club of Elba was able to raise \$400 for the Elba Community Playground project. Julie Holley, president of the New Seasons Study Club, is shown presenting a check to Tim Gummels, president of the Elba Kiwanis Club and general coordinator for the Elba Playground Project Committee.

## Classes to begin at EOCC on January 9th

The Christmas Holidays won't be around for long, then Enterprise-Ozark Community College's 2006 Spring Semester will begin. Go to the College's website at [www.eocc.edu](http://www.eocc.edu) or call the 2005-2006 Catalog at 800-444-4444 for more information.



**HAILEY PARRISH** was in the America's Cover Miss pageant Sunday, Dec. 4 in Enterprise. She won her age group and the also won Most Beautiful, Best Dress, Most Photogenic, Prettiest Eyes, and Prettiest Smile. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Gary Bryant.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Rev. Billy Redd

### Elba First Assembly of God

As we look into the coming of the Christ-child into the world, as we enter this season of Christmas, we find the knowledge of Jesus' birth brought with it the dispelling of fear and the dispensing of Joy. Note how the angel of the Lord put it in Luke 2:10, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great Joy." Not just a little Joy, but "great Joy." The angel went to declare the birth of our Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

When Jesus as a grown man was preparing His disciples for His impending death He also prayed for them, "But now I come to YOU, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have MY JOY fulfilled in themselves." (Jn. 17:13). If there is anything that ought to characterize the life of someone following and serving Jesus, it is JOY. Galatians 5:22 tells us that one of the attributes of the fruit of the Spirit of JOY is not like the temporary happiness the world expresses, HIS JOY fills you and flows through you within everything you do. The disciples of Jesus were filled with Joy as they realized they were children of God and joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:16-17). When we think clearly of our salvation experience through Christ, a deep abiding and settled fullness of the JOY of Christ should overtake us that no circumstance of life can dispel.

Your JOY as a Christian should not depend on how things are going for you. True JOY comes from knowing that God Himself lives within you and has fellowship with you, regardless of your circumstances. Real JOY comes in the knowledge that God forgives you there. This "great Joy" the angel proclaimed at His birth should be yours as we realize that this Christ-child who was born a virgin in the manger is the same Christ who was crucified to purchase your salvation and the same Lord who is coming again to receive you unto Himself. This is the season to rejoice, for Christ the Savior is born.

## Special cantatas being presented at The Elba United Methodist Church on December 18th

The channel choir at The Elba First United Methodist Church will present their Christmas cantata, Sunday, December 18, "Born a Savior, Born a King" at the 10:00 o'clock morning worship service.

The children's Choir will present their Christmas program

## Gospel Singing set for December 17th

A Gospel singing will be held on Sat. 12-17-05 at 7 p.m. with "Living Word Church" and "Old Camp Sharon" as the themes. The special is in support of singing. Call 334-566-7124 for more information.

## Prosperity Seminar to be held at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit - New Abundant Life Church

There will be a Prosperity Seminar at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Church December 15 thru 17th, 2005. The seminar, under the direction of Bishop Hiron and Apostle Linda Williams, is entitled "Preparing for Wealth Transference".

Registrant fee is \$50. For more information call 334-894-2008.

<p><b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</b></p> <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH</b> SAMSON, ALA. Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr., Pastor Sun. School: 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Nathan Carrel, Pastor Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Eddie Phillips-Coyne, Pastor Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Tue. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sun. School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. 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## Round & About With Eria

### 897-2006

**SCRIPTURE: ST. LUKE 15:1-32**  
\*\*\*THINKING OF YOU; PRAYING FOR YOU:  
Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Catherine Waters, Cleve M. Davis, Shirlee Belcher, Clidie Goosby, Frank Phillips, Jr., Lizzie Tyson, Helen Phillips, Mary E. Holly, Rev. Bruce Ingram, Lucy Ricks

**\*\*\*DECEMBER BIRTH-DAYS:**  
Clare Wright- Dec. 10, Vernette Purvis- Dec. 10, Kenneth Hardwick- Dec. 10, Tony Lawrence- Dec. 11, Tambe Oliver- Dec. 13, Dorothy Daniels- Dec. 13, Charlie T. Jordan- Dec. 14, Alice M. Polmar- Dec. 15, Summer Stricklin- Dec. 15, Conner Stricklin- Dec. 16, Shawanna Wright- Dec. 17, Allison Gavin- Dec. 18

**\*\*\*APPRECIATION:**  
The Third Appreciation Program honoring Pastor, W.O. Edwards and Family was held at

Star of Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Luverne, Ala. on Dec. 11, 2005 at 11 a.m. Rev. Jephth D. Hillman as pulpit conductor and Rev. A. R. Williams was the guest speaker, which is the Pastor of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba, Ala. and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church of Brundidge, Ala.

**\*\*\*AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY:**  
1931: On this day (December 5) the Reverend James Cleveland, who will become known as King of Gospel Music; is born in Chicago, IL.

1987: On this day (Dec. 8) Kurt Ochsmeke is elected Mayor of Baltimore, Md. He is the first African American to hold this Office.

On this day (Dec. 10) Ralph J. Bunche becomes the first African American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria

## NICHOLAS PETERSON

Army National Guard Spec. Nicholas B. Peterson has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus, on force protection; peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the people of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Peterson, a firefighter with three years of military service, is normally assigned to the 69th Chemical Company, Mobile, Ala.

He is the son of Randy L. and Antoinette E. Peterson of Gregory Lane, Brentwood, Calif.

His wife, Kristie, is the daughter of Joe and Debbie Hall of County Road 228, Elba, Ala.

The specialist is a 2002 graduate of Liberty Union High School, Brentwood.

## Shiloh Baptist Church to hold special Christmas activities

Shiloh Baptist Church will have their children's Christmas play and supper Saturday, December 17, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Their Church Christmas events will be Sunday, December 18 with special guests. On Sunday, December 25, there will be only morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. No evening service. Everyone is invited to these events.

## "God Made a Way in a Manager" to be presented at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

The Children's Youth Ministry and members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church congregation will present "God Made a Way in a Manager- Backstage at the Inn" on Sunday evening, December 18, 2005 at 5 p.m. The program is so funny, inspirational and motivational as we are challenged to enter the real celebration of the Jesus Season, remembering how God made a way in a manger for each of us through Jesus Christ. Special music will be included in the program. A Christmas meal will be enjoyed after the presentation and Bro. Richard Moss, pastor, and congregation invite everyone to attend this Christmas celebration.

## "A Star is Born" musical to be held December 16th at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church in Enterprise

The Children's Christmas Musical "A Star is Born", by Celeste Clydesdale, will be presented at Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church in Enterprise on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m. This delightful musical portrays the real meaning of Christmas and reminds the audience that Jesus is the star in their lives. The cast is made up of children from Johns Chapel and the community. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Marge Simmons, Director, 393-3827; or Ophelia Hazzard, Assistant Director, at 347-0963.

## Fleeta Full Gospel Church to have special services December 15-17

Fleeta Full Gospel to have special services Dec. 15-17 starting at 7 p.m. each night with Evangelist Barbara Rigby. The church is located at 24406 Fleeta Rd., Opp, Ala. For more information call Pastor Dubose at 493-9765.

**SPRING REGISTRATION**

**Regular Registration**  
Andalusia/MacArthur  
January 4, 2006 - 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Greenville**  
January 5, 2006 - 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Luverne High School**  
January 6, 2006 - 8:30 am - 6:30 pm

**Late Registration**  
Drop/Add Period: All Campuses  
January 9-12, 2006

**Classes Begin**  
January 9, 2006

Andalusia/Greenville Campuses: 881-2271  
MacArthur Campus: 485-3333  
Luverne Site: 488-8817

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# SCHOOLS

## Elba High FFA sends fruit sales through the roof

by Judson Vaughan

As most of you know, the FFA annually sells fruit and it is our main source of income. With that said, the turnout is always anticipated to be fulfilling, but sometimes fall short of that quota.

This year, the club anticipated a good year but nothing to what we have received. The club most definitely has exceeded all expectations and could not have done it without the help of numerous FFA parents.

Without the parents most of this would not have been possible and certainly not to this degree. Although balancing jobs, families and their own agenda, our parents always seem to rise up to the challenge and contribute greatly. Their work sometimes goes unnoticed, but we now would like to give credit where credit is due.

To our parents, thanks, you are all the driving force behind our organization and the fuel that keeps us going. You push us over the edge and have made us into what we are today.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Shawanna Wright  
& Melanie Mularz

## Student Spotlight

by Stephanie Corder

This week's student spotlight is Brandon Derrell Kelley. He is the 19-year-old son of Maria and Myron Duncan.

Brandon is active in VICA, Varsity football, and Varsity basketball. He enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with friends and family.

Brandon's future plans are to play football at Troy University and major in physical therapy. He describes himself as a laid back, down-to-earth person, who is blessed with a wonderful family and friends.

Congrats Brandon on being this week's student spotlight.



Brandon Kelley

## Elba High School holds softball evaluations

by Melanie Mularz

"Batter, batter, batter swing," Softball already? Yes, that is what has been happening this past week at Elba High School. Elba girls have been having evaluations for the 2006 softball team.

Having this five day period in which to do this will truly help solidify the team early once the actual season begins. The players will know who already is on the team and can get right down to basics.

30 girls were there with more to tryout in the spring, due to basketball season being in. Coach Collins and Coach Carlile had a very successful season last year and looking to improve on making the team better this year.

Coach Collins also stated, "The JV Squad will have more games this year and will appear to be stronger due to the pitching."

The team will definitely be exciting to watch. HAVE A GREAT YEAR GIRLS!!



7th grader Hannah Morgan takes a swing at softball practice last Wednesday.

## EHS band invites locals to attend annual band concert

by Gale Olson

On Thursday, Dec. 15 (today), the Elba High School concert band will perform their annual Christmas concert.

They will perform multiple selections that will boost everyone's Christmas spirit. Another attraction will be the new attire worn by the concert band for the first time this evening.

Band Boosters, after several meetings and discussion, voted on this decision for the betterment of the concert band. The attire will bring a sense of professionalism and style to the concert band.

The girls will be styling a sophisticated long black dress that flatters each student. The boys will be complementing the

girls with a fashionable gold vest tied together with jet-black slacks that will sure to be nothing but fashionable.

## Elba High's Varsity basketball season begins

by Duke Carr

It's December, and basketball season is already upon us.

The Elba Tigers varsity basketball team recently kicked off the season with great expectations and high hopes for the season. After two straight exits in the past two seasons, the team is looking to avenge their past failed attempts to make their mark as a basketball powerhouse.

Heading into this year's season, the Tigers had one goal in mind: that was to make a statement in their first few games.

The Tigers opened up the season with a very difficult task waiting for them. The Tigers first opponent was none other than 6A powerhouse Enterprise in the Rehoboth Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Tigers started the game off slowly and fell behind early. Fans watched as a late fourth-quarter rally fell short, and the Tigers dropped the first game of the season. However, the Tigers

didn't lose focus.

The team bounced back and ended the Rehoboth Tournament with a 2-1 record. With an impressive recovery from their opening season loss, the Tigers posted three more wins to improve their record to 5-1.

The team posted wins over Zion Chapel, Opp, and a big area win over archival New Brockton to open up area play with a win.

After the Tigers' outstanding start to the season, their fans are expecting great things for the season ahead. The Tigers are returning seven players from last year's team and new head coach Glen Johnson has brought a completely different style of play to the court.

Behind their 11 seniors, Coach Johnson and his Tigers will be a very exciting team to watch as the season progresses. If the Tigers can maintain their focus and stay healthy, anything is possible.

Keep up the good work Tigers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Journalism Spotlight

by Kayla Kelley



This week's journalism spotlight is Jamey Greek.

Jamey is a senior at Elba High School. He is a member of the broadcast journalism staff where he is a host of Tiger Breakdown. Jamey is also a driving force of the print journalism staff and an EHS Ambassador.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing the computer, taking naps, riding jet skis, bowling, flirting, listening to music, playing with his dog and spending time with family and friends. Jamey's favorite part of being in journalism is not having to eat nasty cafeteria food and getting to work on his senior yearbook.

In the future, Jamey plans on attending broadcasting school. Other interesting facts about Jamey are that he has a fascination for girl's shoes and is a big game show fan.

Congratulations, Jamey, on being this week's student spotlight.

# SCHOOLS

## Kinston teacher achieves National Board Certification®

Carol Young of Kinston Georgia, chair of the NBPTS board of directors, earned the teaching profession's top certification by achieving National Board Certification in 2005, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Young teaches third grade at Kinston School. She has been a teacher for 26 years and holds degrees in elementary education.

Young is one of nearly 7,300 teachers nationwide who earned National Board Certification this year.

"Teachers who earn National Board Certification represent the gold standard in teaching and are among the most effective teachers in our nation's classrooms today," said former



Carol Young

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Beth Griffin, Coffee County 4-H, recently conducted a lesson on nutrition with Zion Chapel Community Learning Center middle school level students. Griffin showed the students how to make a healthy fruit and yogurt snack. The students shown above include: Jonathon Maddox, Josh Maddox, Markel Senn, Courtney Napper, Shelby Maxie, Brandon Grant and Blake Simmons.

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## SPORTS

Views from....

### The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba chapter of the Mularz family will be officially "On Vacation" by the end of the week as the girls will both be out of school and Mom and Dad will take off work until the beginning of the new year. The time off will give us the chance to clean house, do a little yard work, get some last-minute Christmas shopping done, and most importantly - spend time together as a family. I hope all of you get the chance to be with your family members during the upcoming holidays and make new memories that you will get to cherish forever!

#### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers are off to a fast 6-2 start and are considered by many to be favorites to win the area. However, while there is no doubt this year's Tigers are indeed a talented bunch, there can also be no doubt they are not a 6A power after falling twice in the early-season to cross-county neighbor Enterprise. Last week's loss to the Wildcats marked the second time this season Elba has fallen to Enterprise in the opening round of a tournament, and those two losses are the only blemishes on the Tigers' schedule after three weeks of action. If the Tigers have shown a weakness thus far in the season it has to be their tendency to get off to a slow start. They have fallen behind in three of their four wins, and in all six wins have struggled at times, only to rally late to pull out a victory. If Elba can ever play for all four quarters maybe it can become a true area contender and make some big noise on the court.

\*\*\* The Elba 7th and 8th grade Tigers closed out their basketball seasons last week and for the second straight year both teams posted an undefeated season. The basketball program at Elba Junior High has been a power for many years under the guidance of Coach Brian Weeks, and this year was no different as he once again took a team filled with all new players and turned them into yet another junior high powerhouse. Former Elba High varsity coach Karl Bledsoe chipped in and led the seventh grade team to a perfect season, and he and Coach Weeks are to be commended for their accomplishments. The Tigers have set the bar high for all future junior high teams at Elba, but as long as the players are willing to work hard and the coaches are dedicated to teaching the sport, the winning streak may very well continue.

\*\*\* A week ago the Brantley Bulldogs were in Birmingham playing for the Class 1A football championship, while this past weekend the Bulldogs had exchanged their football cleats for basketball sneakers and found themselves playing for the championship in the Andalusia Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Bulldogs entered the tournament with only a few days of work, but showed everyone they were also a team to watch on the court as they stunned Straughn and Andalusia before falling to Enterprise in the finals. It may take Brantley a little while to get in basketball shape after fifteen weeks of football. However, when it does look for the Bulldogs to dominate action on the court just like they did on the gridiron. What a difference a week can make!

\*\*\* Andalusia hosted its 39th annual Andalusia Invitational Basketball Tournament last week and the event was just as exciting as ever with high school teams battling for the home-state championship trophy. While Andalusia has dominated the holiday event and has won the tournament 21 times, other winners include Enterprise, Pleasant Home, Brantley, Aliceville, Monroe County, Northview, Red Level, Straughn, New Brockton, Florida and Laverne. The event has also seen some of the area's top players over the years, as is evident by the list of MVP's that include NBA stars Robert Horry, Wesley Person and Chuck Person. Many schools would rather play in a tournament than host one, but the basketball family at Andalusia High School has made this event one known across the state and is to be congratulated on its dedication and willingness to make it a success.

\*\*\* In closing.... it looks like the New Brockton Gamecocks will enter the new year without a head football coach. The Gamecocks have been without a coach since the resignation of Shannon Clark after the final game of the season, and while I know the school officials will work to find a new coach, I hope they don't wait too long and fall into the trap Elba did a few years back when the Tigers failed to conduct spring training due to its delay in naming a coach to replace Mike Waters. A winning football team lays its foundation in the off-season, and that is the time winning teams are made for next season. I urge the school officials at New Brockton to make hiring a new head football coach at New Brockton their #1 priority when they get back from the holidays.

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For sixth straight win

### Elba Tigers win battle over Rebels 62-52

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to escape with a 62-52 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, last Tuesday night at Zion Chapel.

The Tigers came out ready to play against their cross-county rivals and pulled out to an 11-7 first quarter lead behind the inside scoring of Reynard Rodgers, only to see Zion Chapel rally in the second stanza and use the scoring punch of Abe Childs and Adam Carter to cut the Elba lead to 22-19 by the end of the half.

Shawn Abbott and Kikko Logan scored six points apiece in the third quarter to help the Tigers up their advantage to 43-39, while in the fourth quarter Mason Gulley heated up from outside and poured in 8 points to spark the Tigers to the 62-52 win.

Mason Gulley scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Shawn Abbott added 12. Abe Childs scored 21 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Adam Carter added 14 and Byron McWaters scored 13.

EL 11 11 21 19 - 62  
ZC 7 12 20 13 - 52

Elba (62): Gulley 16, Kelley 6, Davis 3, Carr 2, Abbott 12, Logan 8, Rodgers 9, Stoudemire 6.

Z.C. (52): McWaters 13, Simmons 4, Childs 21, Carter 14.

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Falls to Enterprise 66-55

### Elba makes early exit in Andalusia tournament

The Elba Tigers saw their six-game winning streak snapped Thursday night in the opening round of the Andalusia Christmas Tournament when they were defeated by the Enterprise Wildcats 66-55.

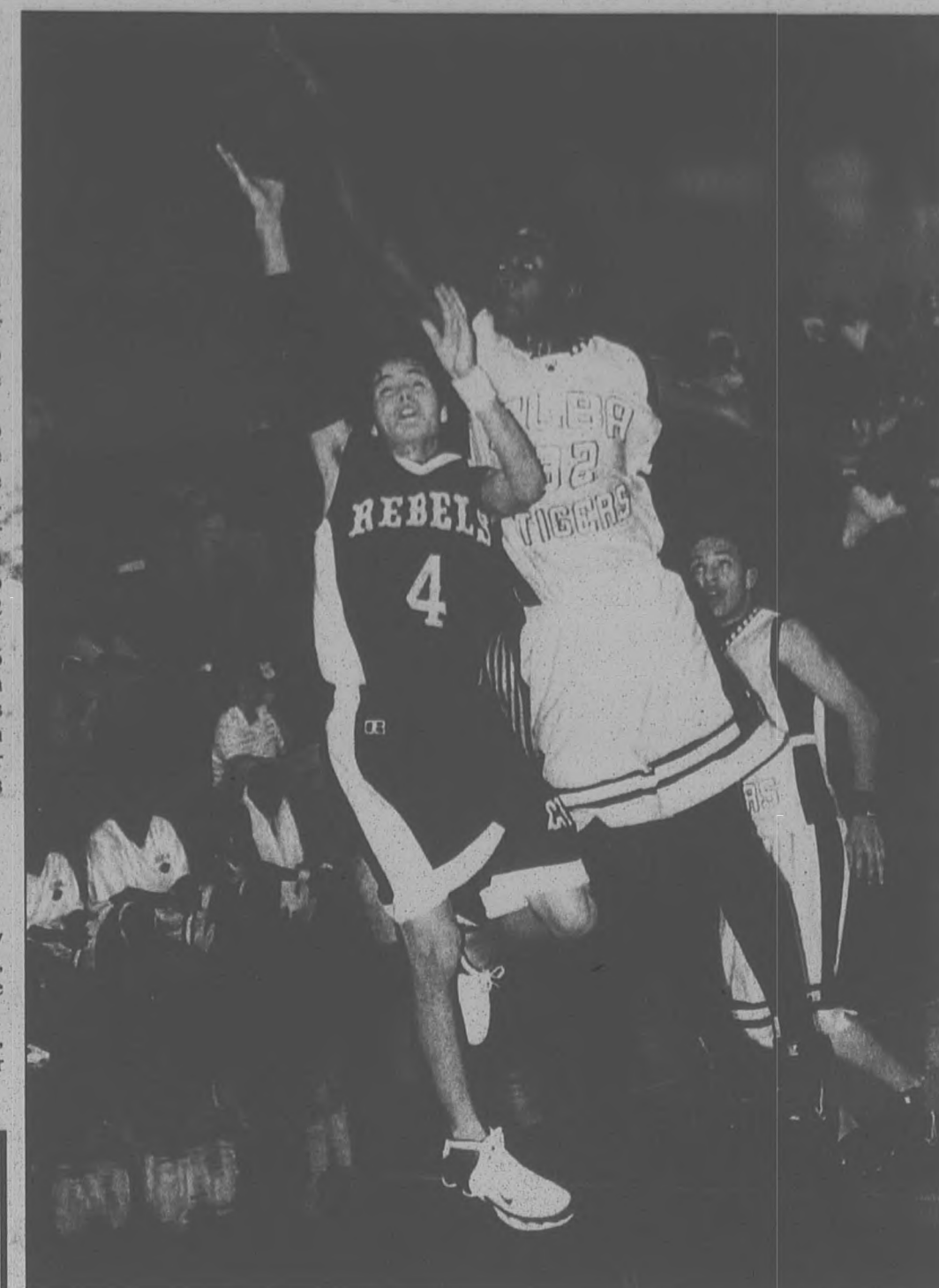
The loss left the Tigers with a 6-2 record, while the Wildcats improved their record to 5-3 with the win.

Enterprise jumped out to an early 5-0 lead on a lay-up by Tyrone Mills and a three-pointer by T.J. Wilson, but saw Elba battle back behind the play of Andrew Stoudemire and Shawn Abbott, and the Tigers caught the Wildcats at 10-10 with 4:10 remaining in the stanza when Abbott nailed a short jumper. Enterprise answered the Elba rally with a trio of three-pointers to put the Wildcats back in command at 19-10 with 1:22 left on the clock, and by the end of the quarter the Cats owned a big 23-11 advantage.

Enterprise scored the first four points of the second quarter to up its lead to 27-11, and when Tyrone Mills scored four quick points midway through the stanza the Wildcats had their biggest lead of the night at 39-17. Elba outscored Enterprise 7-2 over the final minute of the half and got a late three-pointer from Shawn Abbott, but it did little but change the score as the Wildcats carried a 41-24 lead in at the half.

Elba cut the Wildcat advantage to 45-30 with 5:03 remaining in the third quarter on a short jumper by Andrew Stoudemire.

However, Enterprise was determined to



REBEL REJECTION... Elba Tiger Kikko Logan (32) goes high to block a shot attempt by Zion Chapel's Byron McWaters (4) in last week's 62-52 win over the Rebels. The Tigers defeated the Rebels for the second time in two weeks to keep their early-season winning streak alive.

(Photo by Laura Bailey)

remain in command and stretched its lead back out to 49-30 when Nate Baxter scored from inside and then threw down a dunk.

The Tigers cut the deficit to 54-38 with 1:21 left in the quarter on a three-pointer by Mason Gulley, and got back within 56-43 with 6:21 remaining in the game when Brandon Kelley pulled up for a short jumper in the lane. A three-pointer by Kelley with 4:00 left on the clock and two free-throws by Kelley moments later helped the Tigers pull within 59-48, and when Mason Gulley followed with a three-pointer, Elba was within 61-51 with 1:23 still left in the game. The Wildcats hit only one of their next eight free-throw opportunities, but Elba

failed to take advantage of their free-throw woes and saw the late rally fall short as Enterprise held on to claim the 66-55 win.

Brandon Kelley and Kikko Logan scored 15 points apiece to lead Elba, while Mason Gulley added 11. T.J. Wilson scored 17 points to lead Enterprise, while Nate Baxter added 16 and Tyrone Mills scored 15.

EN 23 18 13 12 - 66  
EL 11 13 14 17 - 55

E'prise (66): Wilson 17, Baxter 16, Mills 15, Parham 5, Lee 11, Hicks 2.

Elba (55): Gulley 11, Kelley 15, Abbott 7, Logan 15, Stoudemire 6.

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## SPORTS

Posts wins over Straughn and Andalusia

## Brantley places second in Andalusia Invitational

The Brantley Bulldogs competed in the 39th annual Andalusia Invitational Basketball Tournament last weekend at Andalusia High School and made a successful

switch from cleats to sneakers as they posted two wins to place second in the eight-team event. The Bulldogs opened the tournament with upset wins over

3A Straughn and 4A Andalusia, but then fell to 6A Enterprise in the finals to end their opening week on the court with a 2-1 record.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

OPENING ROUND:  
BRANTLEY 71  
STRAUGHN 45

The Brantley Bulldogs opened their season with a bang Thursday night as they pounded the Straughn Tigers 71-45, in opening round action.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead on a three-pointer by Kevin Pitts and moved on top 10-5 with 5:07 left in the first quarter when Pitts again connected from behind the arc. Pitts' third three-pointer of the stanza helped Brantley open up a 13-7 lead with 4:31 remaining and the Bulldogs pulled out to a 19-11 advantage with 1:50 left on the clock, only to see Straughn rally late and cut the lead to 19-14 on a last second basket by Trevor Driver.

The Tigers pulled within 19-16 early in the second quarter and appeared ready to make a run at the Bulldogs, but Pitts connected on two three-pointers in a 20-second span to put the Bulldogs on top 25-16, and later added yet another long range jumper as Brantley moved ahead 33-19 with 3:24 remaining in the half. Straughn pulled within 35-23 with 1:22 left on the clock, but the Bulldogs answered the brief rally and closed the quarter with an 8-0 run to go carry a 43-23 lead in at intermission.

The Bulldogs saw the pace slow down in the third quarter and scored only two points in the initial four and one-half minutes of the stanza. However, Brantley woke back up late in the quarter and closed the period with an 8-2 run to open up a big 55-29 advantage after three quarters of play.

Brantley opened the fourth quarter with a 10-2 run to take a 65-31 lead with 3:50 left on the clock, and then let the reserves in on the fun as the Bulldogs easily held on and claimed the 71-45 win.

Kevin Pitts scored 29 points to lead Brantley, while Jeffery Daniels added 14. Andrew Carter scored 10 points to lead Straughn.

Brantley (71): Pitts 29, Frazier 8, Culley 5, McClain 3, Smiley 8, Tyson 2, Austin 2, Daniels 14.

Straughn (45): Jones 7,

## New Brockton ousted by Andalusia in opening round

The New Brockton Gamecocks drew the task of opposing the home-standing Andalusia Bulldogs last Thursday night in the opening round of Andalusia Christmas Tournament and found the going a little too tough as they dropped a hard fought 71-57 decision to the Bulldogs.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 3-6, while the Bulldogs improved their record to 5-1 with the win.

New Brockton jumped out to an early 3-2 lead on a three-pointer by Dadrion Johnson and trailed only 8-7 with 2:47 left in the quarter after a basket by Rashard Andrews. However, the Bulldogs caught fire late in the stanza and closed the quarter with a 10-2 run to carry a big 18-9 advantage into the second quarter.

The Gamecocks battled back early in the second quarter and used three-pointers by Courtney Foster and Dadrion Johnson to pull within 22-18 with 4:34 left in the half, but the Bulldogs answered the rally with a 6-0 run to stretch their lead back out to 28-18 and by the end of the half owned a 35-22 lead.

New Brockton swapped baskets with Andalusia for much of the third quarter, and sparked by the play of Alex McNair cut the Bulldogs' advantage to 39-30 with 4:24 remaining in the quarter. A three-pointer by Heath Danford with 2:57 left stopped a Bulldog run and cut the Andalusia lead to 43-33, but the



BRANTLEY BULLDOGS - 2005 ANDALUSIA INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RUNNERS-UP

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

Freemy 6, Huggins 6, Cottle 2, Driver 6, T. Driver 8, Carter 10, Durten 5.

SEMIFINAL ROUND:  
BRANTLEY 49  
ANDALUSIA 42

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead in the fourth quarter to stun the Andalusia Bulldogs 49-42, on Friday night in the semifinals of the annual event.

Brantley got off to a fast start against the heavily favored Bulldogs and opened up an 11-8 first quarter lead, then appeared ready to take command in the second quarter as they outscored Andalusia 14-10 to carry a 25-18 lead in at intermission.

Brantley managed to score only six points in the third quarter as Andalusia rallied to take a 32-31 lead. However, Brantley settled back down in the fourth quarter and took command late to pull away and claimed the big 49-42 win.

Jeffery Daniels scored 16 points to lead Brantley, while Rashard Smiley added 12 and Kevin Pitts scored 11.

O'Darrus James and D'Andre Wright both scored 10 points for Andalusia.

Brantley (49): Pitts 11, Frazier 2, Smiley 12, Daniels 8, J. Daniels 16.

Andy (42): Johnson 6, Taylor 6, James 10, Cauley 2, Wright 8, N. Johnson 8.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:  
ENTERPRISE 57  
BRANTLEY 44

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their run toward the title in the

Andalusia tournament fall one win short as they were defeated by the Enterprise Wildcats 57-44, Saturday night in the championship game.

The Bulldogs came out ready to play against the 6A Wildcats and behind the shooting of Rashard Smiley and Kevin Pitts jumped out to an 8-4 lead with 2:24 remaining in the opening stanza. A short jumper by Jeffery Daniels put Brantley on top 10-6 late in the quarter, but Enterprise staged a late rally and pulled even at 10-10 on a basket by Cameron Averett with 1:19 left on the clock.

Brantley matched the Wildcats bucket for bucket early in the second quarter and moved on top 19-15 with 3:58 left in the half on a basket by Jeffery Daniels, only to see Enterprise score six straight points to grab a 21-19 lead with 2:25 still remaining in the half.

Brantley led a Bulldog rally in the final minute of the half, however, and hit two free-throws with only 29 remaining to put Brantley back on top 25-23 at intermission.

Enterprise came out firing in the third quarter and used two long three-pointers by Michael Lee to move back on top 34-30, but this time the Bulldogs staged a rally of their own and caught the 'Cats at 35-35 by the end of the quarter as Kevin

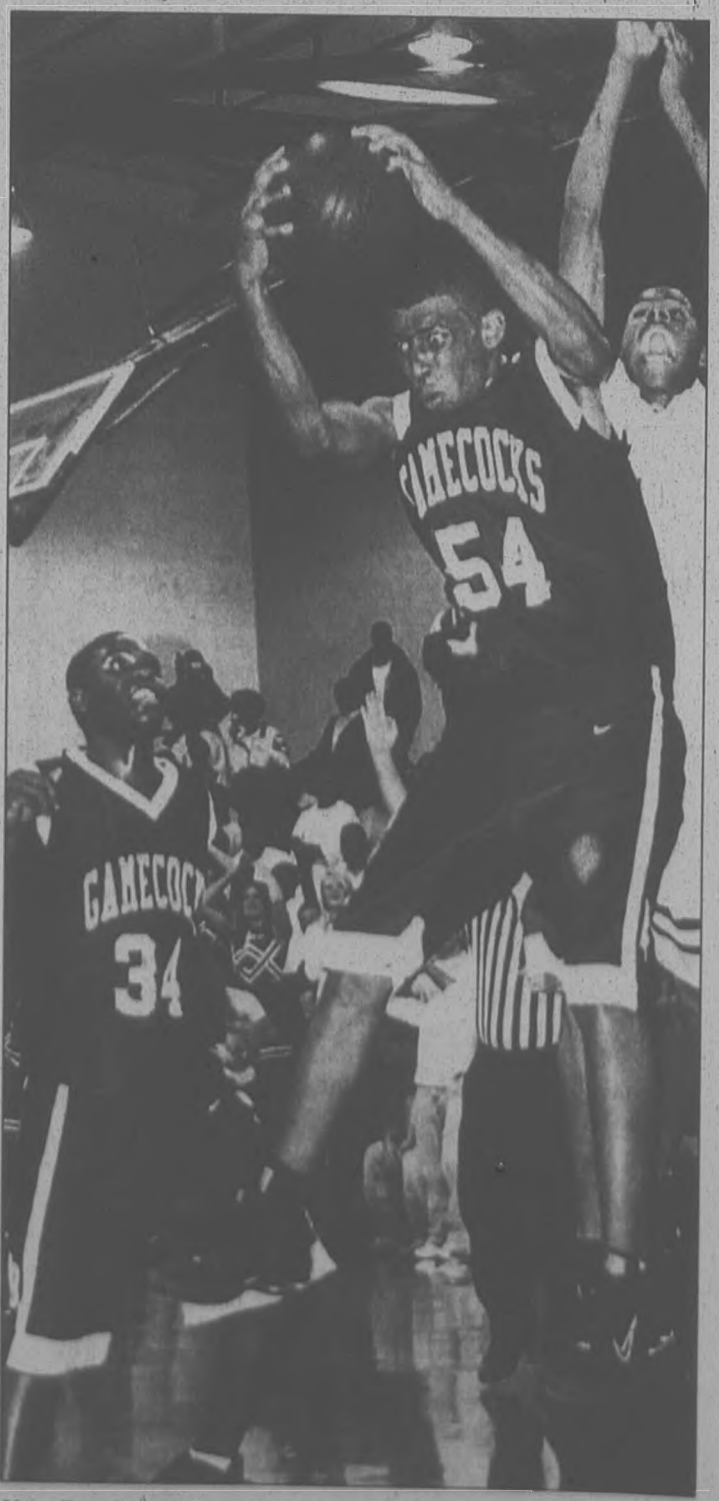
Pitts and Rashard Smiley both connected from behind the arc.

Enterprise came out determined to regain its lead in the fourth quarter and did just that as the Wildcats opened the stanza with a 10-0 run to take a 45-35 lead with 5:08 remaining in the game. Two free-throws by Brantley's Jeffery Daniels ended the three-minute scoring drought by the Bulldogs, and when Daniels added two more free-throws with 3:18 remaining, Brantley was back in the game, trailing only 48-41. The championship game turned into a free-throw contest over the final two minutes, and while Brantley connected on 2 of 4 chances from the stripe, the Wildcats hit on 5 of 9 opportunities and pulled away to claim the 57-44 win.

Michael Lee scored 17 points to lead Enterprise, while Nate Baxter added 16 and Cameron Averett scored 10. Jeffery Daniels scored 17 points to lead Brantley and Rashard Smiley added 10.

Enterprise (57): Wilson 7, Baxter 16, Averett 10, Roberts 2, Lee 17, Hicks 1, Mills 4.

Brantley (44): Pitts 5, Frazier 8, McClain 2, Smiley 10, Daniels 2, J. Daniels 17.



New Brockton's Ronnie Vasser (54) goes high to bring down a rebound in recent Gamecock action. Waiting to help is New Brockton teammate Courtney Foster (34).

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

## Five area players named to All-Tournament team at Andalusia

The All-Tournament team was announced last Saturday night upon the completion of the Andalusia Invitational Basketball Tournament and included on the team were five area players. Elba's Brandon Kelley and New Brockton's Dadrion Johnson were named to the honored list, as were Brantley's Kevin Pitts, Jeffery Daniels and Rashard Smiley.

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Public urged to keep safety in mind when using ATV's

The Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama Child Death Review System urge parents to take special care to ensure their children's safety when it comes to use of all-terrain vehicles, or ATVs.

"ATVs are not toys," Dr. Donald Williamson, state health officer, cautioned. "They can be dangerous, regardless of their size, and require considerable skill to operate safely."

Did you know that...  
• It is against Alabama law to operate an ATV on public roads?

• Alabama currently does not require an operator's license or graduation from a safety course prior to operating an ATV in Alabama?

• Appropriate safety equipment, such as a helmet, knee/elbow padding, and suitable clothing can provide protection while riding an ATV?

• Since January 2000 the Alabama Child Death Review System, which works to determine any preventable circumstances in unexpected child deaths, has reviewed at least 20 ATV-related infant and child deaths?

• Of these deaths reviewed  
• Sixteen had operators 16 years old or younger.

• At least four deaths occurred to a "passenger" on the ATV.

• "Passenger" fatalities ranged in age from 2 to 10 years old.

• Your Local Child Death Review Team wants you to know of these dangers.

What does all this mean?

• The Southeast Child Safety Institute recommends that children not be allowed to operate an ATV until they are 16 years old. However, ATVs come in all sizes. If you choose to allow younger children to operate an ATV, your children's safety depends on your providing the right-sized ATV. The ATV Safety Institute gives these guidelines for maximum power of the vehicles according to the age of the rider.

6 years and under, under 70 cc  
12 years and older, 70-90 cc  
16 years and older, over 90 cc

• At the very least, don't let unsupervised children ride on or operate an ATV - no matter what the size of the ATV.

• Always require ATV operators to wear appropriate safety equipment.

• Never allow children to ride as passengers on an ATV.

• Always ask that your ATV dealer provide an approved ATV safety course prior to operating an ATV. Some dealers also offer a videotaped safety course for purchasers. Ask that your child view this course as well and complete the checklist/answer sheet afterward.

• The ATV Safety Institute sponsors a Web site, <http://www.atvsafety.org>, which lists a toll-free number (800-887-2887) to call for information about safety courses. For more information contact the Alabama Child Death Review System at (334) 206-2953 or the

Injury Prevention Division.

Alabama Department of Public Health, at (334) 206-5541.

## Failure to wear helmets major factor in deaths and injuries of power scooter riders

A study released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) finds there were an about 10,000 emergency room injuries involving scooters from July '03 through June '04. According to the CPSC staff report, less than half the victims were wearing helmets at the time. Approximately two-thirds of all injuries occurred in children under 15 years old.

Other findings by CPSC staff study include:  
• 71% of the incidents were related to operator (36%), environment (35%) or both. Incidents include operators lost control of scooter; braked quickly; accelerated unexpectedly; fell off; two people on scooter; hit a curb, bump or pothole; or rode over gravel.

• Almost half of the injuries suffered were contusions, abrasions, lacerations or hematomas. More than a quarter of the injuries were fractures.

• CPSC has reports of 49 deaths attributed to powered scooters from October 1998 through November 2004.

• CPSC recommends the following safety guidelines to help prevent scooter deaths and injuries:  
• Wear a bike helmet, along with knee and elbow pads.

• Ride on smooth surfaces. Avoid dirt, sand, gravel and water, which can cause falls.

• Do not ride scooters at night.

• CPSC recommends that children 12 and under not ride fast-moving motorized scooters.

• Owners of motorized scooters should check with local authorities for riding guidelines and restrictions. Many local jurisdictions prohibit the use of powered scooters on roadways and sidewalks.



RYAN MARLER killed his first deer on Sunday, Nov. 27, while hunting on private property in Coffee County. He is the son of Charlie and Elizabeth Marler and the grandson of Carol and Rue Marler, of Elba.



JORDAN MCDANIEL killed his first deer the weekend of Thanksgiving. He is the son of Shelly McDaniel, of Elba, and the grandson of Dennis and Beverly McDaniel, of Elba.

Let's Go...  
Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Hunting with a handgun adds to challenge

Many hunters who have bagged numerous deer with a rifle tend to get a little bored because they don't feel challenged enough. If you are a deer hunter who would like to add another layer of challenge to bagging a trophy buck, you may want to consider handgun hunting. Since Old Santa will soon be setting a course for Alabama, now may be a good time to start dropping hints to your significant other on the handgun you would like Santa to leave under the tree.

The thought of hunting with a handgun has a tendency to intimidate some hunters. We often hear comments like "I couldn't hit my truck at ten yards with a pistol" from hunters who have had limited experience with a handgun. Modern hunting handguns shouldn't be compared to granddads old .38 or fixed site military handguns. Either of these may imprint a negative opinion on someone firing a handgun for the first time.

Modern handguns designed for hunting afford the hunter a surprising degree of accuracy and contrary to popular belief, they are relatively easy to master. Revolvers are still the most popular hunting handguns. The single action revolver has been with us since before the civil war. Modern big bore single actions like the Rugers in .41 magnum, .45 long colt or one of the newer calibers such as the .454 Casull or 480 Ruger are potent deer rounds.

I often read where some so-called "ballistic expert" is putting the .357 magnum down as an adequate deer round. I know several handgun hunters who consistently debunk these "experts" advice by filling the freezer with venison using a .357 handgun.

Ned Sanders from Goshen, Alabama is one such hunter. Sanders got bored with rifle hunting a few years ago and started hunting deer with a 7 1/2 inch barreled .357 equipped with a red dot scope. Sanders says he has bagged six deer with his handgun. "I enjoy the challenge of hunting with a handgun so much, I don't know if I'll even hunt with a rifle this year," said Sanders.

Sanders laughs at the suggestion that the .357 magnum is only marginal for deer. "I killed all six deer with one shot kills. It's true you need a good load with a heavy bullet, but the .357 is a proven handgun round for deer as far as I'm concerned," said Sanders.

Specialty single shot handguns stretch the range of handguns even farther. Many even come chambered for popular rifle rounds such as the venerable 30-30. The distance that a shot with a handgun should be taken depends on the power of the handgun and the user's ability to hit at a given range.

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**SPECIAL GUESTS AT ROTARY CLUB'S CHRISTMAS PARTY...** Among the special guests at the Elba Rotary Club's annual Christmas party held Tuesday, Dec. 6, were three widows of former Rotarians. They included Gwen Marsh, Ruth Inman and Olive Ray Martin. It is customary for such guests to be honored at the annual event. The three ladies are shown above with club president Josh Wilson.

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Tindell said the cost of the tractor with boom cutter from the surplus lot is \$26,000, and he noted that a new unit would cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Before adjourning, commissioners decided to hold the next Coffee County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 27, rather than Monday, Dec. 26, due to the Christmas holiday. With that said, each commissioner offered his/her wishes that everyone have a Merry Christmas.

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**ELBA ROTARY CLUB GIVES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS...** It has been customary for the Elba Rotary Club to sponsor a literacy initiative whereby dictionaries are distributed to all third grade students in both the Elba City School System, as well as the Coffee County School System. For many years, Rotarians have been active in efforts to reduce illiteracy from building schools to serving as tutors and collecting and distributing books and audiovisual materials to libraries. Considerable progress has been made in recent decades in reducing illiteracy, yet, close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy skills. Millions more are functionally illiterate, lacking the skills necessary to meet the demands of everyday life. The local Rotary Dictionary project is an opportunity for Elba Rotarians to give back to the community and show support for the local school systems and children. Separate presentations were made at Elba Elementary School, Kinston Elementary School and New Brockton Elementary School during the month of November. Josh Wilson, president of the Elba Rotary Club, visited with the students and teachers and gave a brief presentation on Rotary and the many facets of volunteerism. Wilson is shown above with several Elba Elementary students including (from left): Daquan Austin, Chance Johnson, Jordan Kidd, Emilee Hudson, Lace Mount and A.J. Whitfield.

**Hurricane protection manufacturer seeks employees for new Opp plant**

Opp's new hurricane protection products manufacturer, Sterling Metal Products Inc., is seeking assemblers and saw operators. Sterling Metal Products manufactures, assembles and ships hurricane protection products to retailers throughout the southeast. Job seekers must complete AIDT training to be considered for employment. Training applications are available at Opp City Hall located at 101 Main Street in Opp.

Sterling Metal Products is also seeking sales representatives, truck drivers and secretaries. Training is not required to be considered for these positions. Details about job requirements and employee benefits are available at Alabama Career Centers, and online at the Alabama Job Link web site <www.joblink.alabama.gov> and the AIDT web site <www.aidt.edu/companyjobs.html>.

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### Elba's 2005 Christmas Family The J. L. Johnson Family

**Front Row kneeling L to R:** Blake Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Byron Johnson, Chance Johnson, Jace Hudson, Blaine Hudson, Austin Johnson, Brandi Johnson, Kerry Johnson

**Middle Row kneeling:** Shelia Johnson, Tara Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Van Johnson

**Back Row standing:** Jason Johnson, Bob Johnson, Greg Johnson, Tracy Johnson, J. L. Johnson and Nellie Johnson, Susan Hudson, Troy Hudson, Wesley Johnson, Glen Johnson

